



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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House Bill 6592 - An Act Concerning Certification of Classical Homeopaths

The Department of Public Health opposes House Bill 6592 as written.

The bill would require DPH to obtain and post publicly a list of classical homeopaths, and to establish certification standards for them. This is essentially a request for a new licensing program. This group had a Scope of Practice review this year, in accordance with Public Act 11-209. The report can be found on the Department's website at: http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/practitioner_licensing_and_investigations/scope_of_practice/nuclear_med_tech_final_report.pdf.

Any new licensing program mandated for DPH implementation comes with a cost, in terms of licensing staff and staff to investigate and prosecute complaints. The bill as written will result in unbudgeted cost.

The Department would be willing to assist with developing alternative language that would not have a fiscal impact.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's views on this bill.

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